

NCXX RACING has decided on its main team lineup for the final race in the 43rd Coca-Cola Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race ("Suzuka 8 Hours") to be held at Suzuka Circuit in Mie Prefecture on Sunday, August 7.

Tetsuya Harada, Road Racing World Championship GP250 Class Champion in 1993, will be back at the helm as director, following on from last year. He will tackle the Suzuka 8 Hours with the same clever, calm and collected strategic instructions he showed when racing. A completely new team will take on the race, comprising the three members of: Yuki Ito, 30, racer in the ASB1000 class in the Asia Road Racing Championship; Soichiro Minamimoto, 22, ranked No. 3 in 2021 in ALL JAPAN ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP ST1000; and Shota Ite, 20, currently racing in the ALL JAPAN ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP ST600. NCXX RACING will be looking to regain its SST Class

Championship title this year, after it won in 2018 and finished second in 2019

# **NCXX RACING History**

2014: First Suzuka 8 Hours, 21st overall

2015: Second consecutive Suzuka 8 Hours, made final

2016: Third consecutive Suzuka 8 Hours, first podium finish

### Results

# 52 NCXX RACING SST Class 3rd (29th overall)

2017: Stronger team, 3rd consecutive Suzuka 8 Hours final, 2nd consecutive podium finish

## Results

# 502 NCXX RACING SST Class 3rd (25th overall)

2018: ZENKOUKAI added as a sponsor to form 2 teams, first SST Class championship victory

### Results

#806 NCXX RACING & ZENKOUKAI SST Class Winner (18th overall)

#502 NCXX RACING SST Class 5th (26th overall)

2019: ZAIF added as a sponsor to form 2 teams, 2nd consecutive year to have 2 teams in the Suzuka 8 Hours

### Results

#806 Zaif NCXX RACING & ZENKOUKAI SST Class 2nd (18th overall) #502 Zaif NCXX RACING SST Class 7th (35th overall)

2022: RIDERS CLUB added as a sponsor, will contest the race as NCXX RACING with RIDERS CLUB



Director Tetsuya Harada

Champion in the Road Racing World Championship GP250 class in 1993, his debut year.

Won 17 WGP titles (equal most for a Japanese rider)

Podium finish in WGP 55 times (record for a Japanese rider) Nicknamed "Cool Devil" for his clever, calm, collected racing.



# **Specs**

Motorcycles · · · · · YAMAHA YZF-R1
Total displacement · · · · · 998cc
Bove and stroke · · · · · 79.0 $\times$ 50.9 mm
Max. rotation······14,500rpm
$Max.speed • \cdots • 300 km/h$
${\sf Tire \ brand} {\longleftrightarrow} {\sf Bridgestone}$
Competing class · · · · · · · SST (Super Stock Class)

